



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 3180.0355

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshi MATSUSHITA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2857
Application No.: 10/784,819) Examiner: Manuel L. Barbee
Filed: February 24, 2004))
For: FAILURE DETECTION SYSTEM, FAILURE DETECTION METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT) Confirmation No.: 1147))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2005, the period for response to which extends through November 8, 2005, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.